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TO STUDY RABBIT PRODUCTION

D. Monroe Green, formerly with the Bureau of Animal Industry, United States Department of Agriculture, has been transferred to the Bureau of Biological Survey in the same department, as assistant in the Division of Fur Resources, and will devote much of his time to the rabbit industry. He will visit rabbitries in various sections of the United States to study practices in breeding, feeding, and handling rabbits, and will give particular attention to methods of marketing meat and fur. Breeding experiments with rabbits will be conducted by the Biological Survey on its Experimental Fur Farm at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., and other projects will be carried on in cooperation with individual breeders or rabbitries.

A study will be made of handling rabbit skins on the raw-fur market as well as of methods employed in dressing and dyeing them. In conducting this work the bureau is endeavoring to determine under what conditions rabbits can be raised profitably for food and fur. It is attempting also to promote sound education in rabbit raising and to assist breeders in combating diseases of the animals and in other problems, with a view to benefiting the industry as a whole.